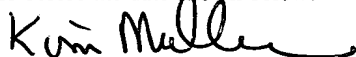


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The Examiner is requested to fully consider this information and to indicate consideration on the attached PTO-1449 (Modified) by initialing next to each item submitted by the Applicant(s).

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